

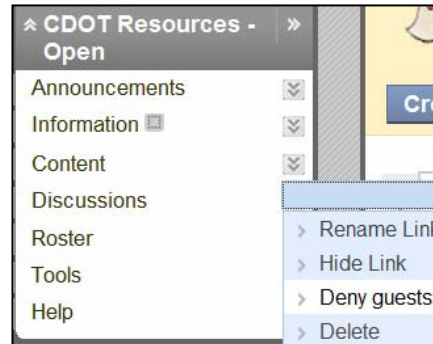
# Blackboard

**Access:** <https://online.calhounisd.org>

1. Create a course or an organization. Organizations are better for groups which have no defined end and members may change. Courses are more often for a course which has a set group of students and a beginning and end. What can be done in a course or organization is about the same. In an organization the instructor is referred to as the leader; students are participants.
2. Courses/organizations can allow guest access to all or some portions of the content. If the entire course/organization is open, the URL can be published, linked to or shared using a shorten URL site (e.g. <http://bit.ly> or <http://tinyurl.com>). For example, the site: [https://lakeviewonline.calhounisd.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab\\_tab\\_group\\_id=3\\_1&url=%2Fwebapps%2Fblackboard%2Fexecute%2FcourseMain%3Fcourse\\_id%3D1048\\_1](https://lakeviewonline.calhounisd.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_tab_group_id=3_1&url=%2Fwebapps%2Fblackboard%2Fexecute%2FcourseMain%3Fcourse_id%3D1048_1) can be shortened to: <http://bit.ly/bbshare>
3. Common login: `cisd.t.lastnamefirstname` `cisd` is replaced with a four character abbreviation for each district.
4. Users can be given rights - most are instructor/leaders or student/participant

☐ Organization Builder ☐ Grader ☒ Leader ☐ Participant ☐ Assistant ☐ Guest

5. Sections may allow or deny guest access. Just click on the pop down symbol to the right of the heading.
6. Easy to create and organize content.
7. Content can include links, documents, and embedded content.
8. Create community and feedback using discussion boards and chats. Users may be allowed to upload files.
9. Cost is just under \$5 per user account per year.



## In Summary

1. Blackboard provides the right platform for creating and organizing instructional content: folders, lessons, assignments, grades, discussion boards. These tools can also be used for organizational content.
2. Users may be given different levels of edit rights. Sections may be public or private. Can support a wide range of types of content. Users added through the help desk. Instructor/Leaders may add users if they're in the system and change/update passwords.
3. Cost is just under \$5 per user account per year (4 logins required to be included in count.)